

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

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440 Alexander Young Building, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Miss Sophie Ann Aoki  
President  
Life of the Land  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Miss Aoki:

This is in response to the request made in your letter dated April 21, 1972. You state that there are some inconsistencies in the information on the Kahaluu Flood Control Plan, however, you fail to identify the inconsistencies in your letter. In an effort to help you understand the procedures, Mr. Scott of my office contacted you and offered to discuss the aspect of the project with you and answer any questions which you might have. Since you failed to contact our office I was somewhat surprised to receive your letter which indicated you had questions regarding the project. My response to your request in the order submitted is as follows:

Item 1 - The Kahaluu Watershed Project is a locally sponsored project initiated by local people. The Sponsors of the project, the Windward Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District, and the City and County of Honolulu, will be notified of your request that an informal public information meeting be held. We met with the Sponsors as well as the local people to discuss the plan many times during preparation of the work plan. These people are in the best position to know whether there is a need for an information meeting on the work plan proposals. Meetings which have been held in the past have been open to the public although major emphasis was given toward notifying people most directly affected of the meeting, that is, those who live or own property in the Kahaluu area.



Item 2 - Regarding your request that a public meeting be held in the Kaneohe area instead of Kahaluu - We believe that the meeting should be held at the convenience of the people most directly affected. With this in mind, Kahaluu seems like a more logical location for such a meeting. There are many people in the Kahaluu area which could be inconvenienced and not be able to attend a meeting located out of the immediate vicinity of where they live. The location of the meeting is again a decision that would be made by the local sponsoring organizations in conjunction with representatives of my office.

Item 3 - An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and normal procedures for responding to comments will be followed.

Logically, the Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared in conjunction with the plan. As indicated in previous correspondence, the Kahaluu Watershed Work Plan was completed and had been submitted to Washington prior to the enactment of Public Law 91190. Therefore, normal procedures could not be followed in this particular instance. As also indicated in previous correspondence, an Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and will go through the normal review process.

If you have further questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,



Fred Haughton  
State Conservationist

cc: Mayor Frank Fasi  
City & County of Honolulu

Mr. Ralph Ajifu, Chairman  
Windward Oahu SWCD